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Reply to Attn of:

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TO: Distribution

FROM: G/General Counsel

SUBJECT: Blanket Determination Regarding Attendance at 20th National Space Symposium on April March 29-April 1, 2004

The Space Foundation will hold its 20th National Space Symposium during the period March 29-April 1, 2004, at the Broadmoor Hotel in Colorado Springs, Colorado. I have determined it to be in the best interests of the Government for those NASA employees who are invited to these events to attend in their official capacities and as representatives of NASA.

The Space Foundation is a nonprofit organization formed to promote public awareness of space technology; create a forum to shape space policy; and encourage educational excellence. The Foundation founded and sponsors annually the National Space Symposium, a widely attended gathering of Government, civic, business and academic leaders who present, discuss and debate the current relevant issues that are shaping the future in space. In light of the importance of these issues to NASA, I conclude that the Agency's interest in its employees attending this event outweighs any concern that free attendance may, or may appear to, improperly influence any NASA personnel in the performance of their official duties. Accordingly, NASA invitees and their invited spouses or guests may participate in the Symposium events without charge.


for Paul G. Pastorek 

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March 22, 2004

Reply to Attn of:

GG

TO: Distribution

FROM: G/General Counsel

SUBJECT: Blanket Determination Regarding Attendance at the Azimuth Awards Dinner,
March 23, 2004

The CIO Council and PostNewsweek Tech Media will hold its Sixth Annual Azimuth Awards Dinner, March 23, 2004, at the Four Seasons Hotel, in Washington, DC. It has been determined to be in the best interest of the Government for those NASA employees who are invited to this event to attend in their official capacities and as representatives of NASA.

The awards dinner will be attended by officials from other Federal agencies, industry, and representatives of academia. Approximately 150 people will attend the dinner. The estimated cost of the dinner is approximately \$50.00 per person. Each year the CIO Council selects the award recipients to be recognized as the Executive of the Year from Government and Industry. The awards presentations will be made at the Azimuth Awards Dinner. I find that this event meets the requirements of a "widely attended gathering" as defined in 5 CFR § 2635.204(g). Consequently, I conclude that NASA's interest in its employees attending this event outweighs any concern that free attendance may, or may appear to, improperly influence NASA employees in the performance of their official duties.

Accordingly, NASA invitees and their spouses or guests may attend the event without charge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul G. Pastorek", written over a horizontal line.

Paul G. Pastorek